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In re Patent Application of:
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For: A COMPANION CARTRIDGE FOR
DISPOSABLE DIAGNOSTIC SENSING
PLATFORMS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005 (Paper No. 20050525), finally rejecting claims 21-37, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.